

**TRANSITION TO ADULT LIVING
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2005
MINUTES**

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Richardson welcomed participants back after the holidays and invited everyone to introduce themselves since there are many new participants. He then made the following announcements:

1. The successful bidders for the Mentoring contracts were U Foster Success and Four Corners Behavioral Health—an urban and rural program. The new contracts begin this month.
2. The Transitional Support Funds are now available in each DCFS region and funds are being used to help youth achieve their transitional goals.
3. Representatives from Department of Workforce Services, Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Education met in Phoenix last month to attend a workshop sponsored by the Department of Labor (DOL). DOL is combining efforts with other federal agencies—Health & Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to facilitate smoother transitions for “at risk” youth to adult living. We are hopeful that federal guidelines and funding may be available to enhance transitions for our youth. It was nice to see these four large federal departments working together for a common purpose.

GOALS FOR YEAR TWO—THE BIG PICTURE

Patti VanWagoner presented a brief overview of the goals for 2005. She mentioned the great progress that has occurred this past year and thanked everyone for their energy, participation and commitment to make this happen. The five goals will remain:

- Positive Sense of Self
- Supportive and Enduring Relationships
- Health Care Access
- Educational Attainment and Stable Employment
- Safe, Stable, Affordable Housing

These goals will drive the whole system and each of the task groups and assignments are based on these goals. Some of the enhancements will occur for youth while they are still in custody and others will be put in place as a youth leaves state custody.

Patti encouraged participants to invite youth to participate in each task group, listen to the youth and let them be the driving force. Feel free to invite new

partners to the table so we can get the help and expertise of enough individuals to accomplish the things we need to do.

YEAR TWO TASK GROUPS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Barbara Thompson and Pam Russell explained how the new Task Groups would be set up, introduced the chairs and co-chairs, and gave the list of task group participants that we have so far. Only the persons that indicated a preference were listed so there will be other members added to these lists. Chairs and Task Groups are as follows:

Transition Planning	Patti Van Wagoner
Employment/Training/Education	Marie Christman
Aftercare	Vicki Cottrell & Pam Russell
Housing	Richard Walker
Out of Home Placement	Patti Van Wagoner & Kelly Peterson
Youth Leadership	Lisa McDonald & Barbara Feaster
Training	JJ Farrington & Midge Delavan
Marketing	Darin Brush
Evaluation	Kelly Colopy
DCFS Action & Accomplishment	Patti Van Wagoner

** Please see attachment regarding the specific assignments of the Task Groups

BREAK INTO TASK GROUPS

At this point, all of the attendees broke into task groups to determine the day and meeting time, discuss the assignments and goals of each task group and begin preparations to accomplish their assignments.

ADJOURN

Each task group adjourned at a different time. The Implementation Team meeting next month will be on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 2:30pm at the Department of Human Services, Room 304. Individuals will be notified by the chairs of the task group regarding the meeting dates and times.

Implementation Team Members and Support Staff Attending:

Mike Richardson
Darin Brush
Kelly Colopy
Vicki Cottrell
Midge Delavan
Mary Lou Emerson for Randy Bachman
David Evans
Barbara Feaster

Katie Gregory
Lisa McDonald
Kelly Peterson
Pam Russell
Patti Van Wagoner
Richard Walker
Jane Broadhead
Herman Hooten
Suzette Hudson
Barbara Thompson

Excused:

Richard Anderson
Marie Christman
George Delavan
Stephen Jardine
Amanda Singer

Task Group Members Attending:

Terri Harris
Joe Leiker
Georgette Witkamp
Daniel Burleigh
Bob Haywood
Melissa Larsen
Stacy Brubaker
Jane Lewis
Pat Baker
Ann Foster
John Lauti
Pauline Zvonkovic
Navina Forsythe
Jennifer Mayfield
Michael Sullivan
Steve Titensor
JoeAnn Bartlett
Brandy McCachren
Heather Laughter